GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND BIG CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have formulated any effective and concrete policy for the development of small and big cities of Rajasthan;

(b): if so, the names of such cities and the details of the funds allocated for them for the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c): the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)to(c): There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) which is in operation since 1979-80 throughout the country including Rajasthan State. It is applicable only to small and medium towns and not to big cities. During the Tenth Five Year Plan i.e. 2002-03 (till June, 2002), the Central assistance amounting to Rs.114.00 lakhs has been released to the following three towns of Rajasthan:

Rawatbhata	....Rs.45.00 lakhs
Tonk	....Rs.45.00 lakhs
Pokaran	....Rs.24.00 lakhs
Total:	Rs.114.00 lakhs

There is another Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities which is in operation since 1993-94 and is applicable to cities having population of 40 lakhs and above as per 1991 Census. The cities covered under this Scheme are Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore. No town in Rajasthan is having population of 40 lakhs and above as per 1991 census and therefore this scheme is not applicable to the State of Rajasthan.